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Good afternoon Everyone,

To facilitate our agencies process and procedures, EPA is interested in obtaining a status update on vessel preparations for the Wild Alaskan. The email below from the City of Kodiak (Mike Sarnowski) is that last correspondence we have received.

Just a reminder, from EPA's process requirement side, once EPA receives the USCG vessel inspection report, including photos and description of clean-up efforts, to demonstrate the level of cleanliness of the vessel. Once the vessel inspection report is received and approved, EPA issues an approval letter for the scuttling. Post that, additional notification timelines are required prior to scuttling.

We appreciate the communications from all involved thus far to ensure the integrity of the scuttling process requirements and meet the City of Kodiak's desired intention for the Wild Alaskan.

Thanks very much,

Betsy

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Betsy,
Sounds great. This afternoon I talked with Mr. McAfee from resolve marine and we have a tentative schedule if all goes well.

30 April: City of Kodiak (COK) will complete the clean up of Wild Alaskan
5 May: Meeting w/Resolve and COK
6-7 May: Verify all sea chest piping meets Resolve Marine requirements
8 May: Makushin Bay arrives back in Kodiak
Pending wx window: Makushin Bay will tow Wild Alaskan

Much to do in between, but we have made some very outstanding progress over these last couple weeks.

Thanks for all your help.
v/r,
Mike

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Hi Michael,

Thank you for the Wild Alaskan Disposal Plan. EPA has no concerns with the Plan.

Once we have received and reviewed the Inspection Report from the Coast Guard, the next step is for EPA to issue a letter of approval for the vessel scuttling to move forward. EPA will need advanced notice to prepare and issue the letter of approval for scuttling. Once the letter is issued, there are additional notification requirements (i.e., 48-hour and 12-hour) which are found at: <https://www.epa.gov/ocean-dumping/disposal-vessels-sea#authorized>.

We appreciate the continued collaboration on this effort.

Betsy

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Betsy,

Please accept this updated scuttling plan. Much simpler now without the use of explosives. Our initial inspection with the CG went great. A few additional items need to be tended to but nothing that has not been planned for or nothing to slow down our progress.

We really appreciate all the help. Please let me know if you have any questions.

v/r,

Mike

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Thanks very much for the Haz Mat survey report, Mike.

It sounds like the PR will be less of a concern than originally anticipated.

We look forward to the updated Disposal Plan when it's available, and appreciate the ongoing communications.

Betsy

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Betsy,

Not a problem. We are working with a contractor now to update the scuttle plan.

Regarding PR, the only problem we anticipate will be the noise from all the people cheering that it will be leaving. It has been a thorn in the side of the community for a very long time, everyone is thankful to you and all the organizations involved in helping the city move on from this vessel.

I have attached the survey from an independent company that we had completed.
v/r,

Mike

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Good afternoon, Mike,

As Bridgette indicated last week, I am the EPA lead for the scuttling of the Wild Alaskan. Thank you for the email update earlier this week (4/11/2021) indicating that explosives are no longer being considered for the scuttling of the Wild Alaskan. EPA is pleased with this change of plan. As documentation of this change, EPA requests that an updated Disposal Plan (updated from the 4/1/2021 version emailed out on April 5th) be provided. The 4/1/2021 Disposal Plan references "explosives"/"charges" on page 4 of the document. We request that the updated plan remove all references to the use of explosives/charges and includes the City's current proposal to use "values" and "breather holes". In the Disposal Plan, please explain a process of how these features will be used to sink the vessel. The final Disposal Plan will be used to inform EPA's authorization letter under the Vessel Disposal General Permit. Thank you.

Given the prior history and popularity of the Wild Alaskan, we also request that the City inform EPA of any Public Relations (PR) updates or concerns surrounding the scuttling of the vessel. It is important that EPA be made aware of preparations for any PR releases well in advance so that we may also coordinate with our own agency's PR folks. Thank you in advance for this notice.

Lt. Ready – it is EPA's understanding that a preliminary inspection of the Wild Alaskan is scheduled for tomorrow, April 16th. If this is not correct, please let me know. Wherever possible during the inspection, we request that photos be taken and included in the inspection report as documentation of the vessels cleanliness and hazardous material removal efforts, including the flushing of hoses or lines that may harbor residual pollutants. Photos are extremely helpful to provide visuals and authentication of preparation efforts. If there is an additional or final inspection date, please share that date, as I may not be current with that information.

One more question – was a Hazard Materials report for the Wild Alaskan developed?

Thank you for your patience and coordination as we continue to advance this process.

Betsy

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Bridgette,

Thank you. I thought the CG was leaning toward us using it to ensure the vessel went down. We can always re-adjust if you don't want us to use explosives.

Julie,

Would you be able to send me your requirements for marine mammal observation?

Thanks again for all your help,

v/r,

Mike

From: Lohrman, Bridgette <lohrman.bridgette@epa.gov>

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Hello Michael,

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Thank you for reconnecting with this group and providing an update on the City's plan with the Wild Alaskan. I believe we left our discussions at the end of September with the intention to not use explosives to sink this vessel, albeit the City had made a quick mention of this possibility with more follow-up to occur with the USCG and EPA once a plan had been flushed out. It now appears that explosives are included as part of the proposed plan. As you are likely aware, EPA has been working with NMFS and Resolve-Magone on another vessel, Pacific Knight out of Dutch Harbor, that is also proposing to use explosives.

It may be most helpful to have a call to discuss the proposal and what may be needed with regards to marine mammal observations to ensure that injury of marine mammals, whether ESA-listed or only covered under the MMPA, is addressed. Julie has been engaged in our discussions on the Pacific Knight.

Lt. Ready – I look forward to hearing from you after your inspection on April 16th. For EPA's records, please take photos to support the determination that the vessel has been cleaned.

I'd be happy to set-up a conference call for the City, EPA, NMFS, and the USCG, and anyone else who would like to participate. Just let me know how you would like to proceed.

-Bridgette

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All,

Sorry for sending out another email. We are getting close to our inspection and I just want to make sure all our I's are dotted and T's are crossed. I've attached our disposal plan which all of you helped greatly in getting it together. It includes the updated disposal location and our plan for including bird observation along with marine mammal observation. I really appreciate all your help in getting the City of Kodiak through this venture. Please let me know if you have any questions.

On a side note, I have received many calls from local fishermen recently about the disposal location. They greatly appreciate us putting it way out there. They say nothing is out that way and are happy it will not interfere with any of their fisheries. Great call all!

v/r,
Mike

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All,

Now that the weather is getting better I'd like to discuss the scuttling of the Wild Alaskan. We have made some great progress this winter and we think we will be ready at the end of April to get a weather window. We are trying to get a preliminary inspection at the end of next week with hopes of disposal at the end of the month if all goes well. We are planning on contracting Resolve Marine to tow the vessel and use their approved demolition expert.

Thanks again for all your support. Standing by if anyone has any questions/request info.

v/r,

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Hello – Please see the attached Hazardous Materials Survey of the Wild Alaskan by the City of Kodiak. The City asked me to distribute the report to the wider group in advance of our discussion this afternoon.

Mike – I look forward to you walking us through this report and continuing to discuss next steps for the Wild Alaskan.

-Bridgette

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